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November 9, 2025

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 11:00 A.M. to
12:00 P.M.
4:00 P.M. to 4:45 P.M.

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday: 5:15 P.M.
Sunday: 8:00 A.M.
10:00 A.M. 12:00 P.M.
Weekday Mass
Monday – Saturday
8:00 A.M.
Last Tuesday of the
Month 7:00 P.M.



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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY ~ Nov. 9

9am - 12pm Holy Name Mtg ~ Regina Caeli Room
9:30am Holy Name to Recite the Rosary ~ Church

MONDAY ~ Nov. 10

8:30 am Novena ~ Church

TUESDAY ~ Nov. 11

Veterans Day

7:00 pm Blue Army Devotions ~ Church
7:00pm Social Concerns ~ Regina Caeli Room

WEDNESDAY ~ Nov. 12

4:30 - 5:45 pm Rel. Ed. Grades 1-4 ~ Parish Center
7:00 - 8:15pm Rel. Ed. Grades 5-7, I.I. ~ Parish Center

THURSDAY ~ Nov. 13

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal ~ Church
7:00 pm Columbiettes Business Mtg. ~ Regina Caeli Room

FRIDAY Nov. 14

No Activities

SATURDAY ~ Nov. 15

11:00 am Confession ~ Church
4:00 pm Confession ~ Church

SUNDAY ~ Nov. 16

No Activities

Ministry Schedule for November 15/16, 2025

5:15 p. m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Balog, Joan Deyak,
Julia Dischler

Reader: Gloria DeMarzo

Altar Server: Delgado Family

8:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Bednar, Alan Nygard
Arlene Verendia

Reader: James Carroll

10:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Marie Frey, Maryann Shingola

Reader: Alyssa Dantes

Altar Server: Brienne Szylar

12:00 Noon

Eucharistic Ministers: Lorraine O'Prandy,
Arlene & Augustus Cezar

Reader: James Padden

Altar Server: Sienna Santos

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

November 9, The Dedication of the Lateran

Basilica

8:00 am

+ Marion Sonsiadek from Patty

10:00 am

+ Holy Name

12:00 Noon

* Special Intentions for Christopher Bandics
from Patricia Lovas

November 10, Monday St. Leo The Great

8:00 am

+ Grace Kubick from Joe Strucich

November 11, Tuesday St. Martin of Tours

8:00 am

+ For Our Parishioners from Our Pastor

November 12, Wednesday St. Josaphat

8:00 am

+ Catherine Noonan from The Gouveia Family

November 13, Thursday St. Frances Xavier

8:00 am

+ Margaret Resko from Family

November 14, Friday Weekday

8:00 am

+ Deceased Members of the Pollio & Quilla
Families from The Borg Family

November 15, Saturday Weekday

8:00 am

+ Mary & Andrew Polash from Family

5:15 pm

+ Barbara DeMarzo from The DeMarzo Family

November 16, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am

+ Arlene Czapora from Brothers

10:00 am

+ Paul Coleman from Joan Deyak

12:00 Noon

+ Edward Ecobichon from The Ecobichon
Family

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ...



Dear OLP Family,

Why is the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica celebrated today? Because, this anniversary is ranked as a 'Feast' unlike the 'Memorial' of other Roman churches (St. Mary Major, St. Peter's Basilica and St. Paul Outside the Wall). The dedication of a church is a feast for all its parishioners. St. John Lateran is, in a sense, the parish church of all Catholics, for it is the pope's parish, the cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome. This church is the spiritual home of the people who are the Church. (For more info about this, see page 5 in the bulletin)

This Tuesday, November 11, is Veterans Day - an occasion to remind ourselves of the importance to honor all those who have risked life, limb and mind for their country, because freedom isn't free. While joining the rest of the nation commemorating this day typically with military-themed ceremonies, we bring all of these heroes and heroines in prayer to God at all the Masses.

Last Sunday, we had a special Mass in memory of all those who passed away this year. We had about forty names that were read out. A small candle was lit for each of them. We acknowledge the sadness at their physical absence amongst us, and yet hope to be reunited with them as our faith teaches. At every funeral Mass I love to use the 1st Preface where it says: *"Indeed for your faithful, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven."* St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, *"even as others who have no hope ... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven ... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise."* (1 Thessalonians 4:13). Thus we hope for the resurrection of our bodies.

In one of his lighter moments, Benjamin Franklin (one of the most important Founding Fathers of the United States: author, political theorist, politician, printer, scientist, inventor, civic activist, and diplomat), penned his own epitaph. It seems he must have been influenced by Paul's teaching on the resurrection of the body. Here's what he wrote: *The Body of B. Franklin, the former printer lies here, food for worms, like the cover of an old book: its contents torn out, and stripped of its lettering and gilding. But the work shall not be wholly lost: for it will, as he believed, appear once more in a new & more perfect edition, corrected and amended by its Author.*

We continue remembering our dear departed ones during this month of November. Keeping the All Souls Day Envelopes on the Altar this month is a visible reminder of that. More importantly, let us reaffirm our belief in the resurrection and reunion with our dear ones because of the Risen Christ. We can joyfully look forward to our own resurrected body which will be, in the words of Benjamin Franklin's epitaph, "a new & more perfect condition, corrected and amended by its Author."

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Abraham Orapankal

STEWARDSHIP

November 2, 2025

Online Giving	\$ 4,039.00
All Souls Day	\$ 2,037.00
All Saints Day	\$ 1,165.00
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Weekly Offertory	\$ 6,010.00

Total \$ 14,155.00

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Holy Name Society welcomes all to join them on Sunday

November 9, 2025 at 9:30am to pray the Rosary to our blessed Mother before the 10:00am Mass.

Right to Life Baby Bottles November 22/23, 2025 at all Masses



Please pray for the Sick

Eunice McLaughlin, Raymond Miller, Danielle Maglies, Anna Verrico, Rolando Rey, Christine Mary Brown, Donna Ferrara, Lonie Ebarle, Julia Forsythe, Joanne M., Maria Lavid, Teddy Sabo, Lisa Sabo, Norma Nebus, Nancy Gaid, Joan Trainor, Peter Rutkowski, Renata Wisnik, Bishop Bootkoski, Raul Ramos, Veronica Roush, Suzanne Pontes Sarisky, Kelly Lease, Maria Turek, Evelyn Prince, Alex Deliso, John Herring, Marie Burke, Bill Herring, Mercedes de Leon, Eve Morawski, Andrew Southern, Evelyn Codd Shelly Greene, Debra Ambrosi, Michael L.

Please pray for the Dearly Departed

Marian Zelesnik, David Mirabella, Theodore Urlton, Lucio J. Cerreta Jr., Cathleen Baptista, Wayne Borg, Lois Wiuff, Robert Bertekap, Barbara Coyle, Paciencia Aviso, Renee Soto, Maria Couto, Michael O'Hara, Anthony Sclafani, Bart Miller, Hans Hadman, Ralph Baez, Maria Lopes, Sandra Husko, John Gonyo, Kevin Mitro, Jacqueline Collie, John Warshany, Irene Newman, Fr. Daniel Sloan (served at OLP from 1984-1987)

Bread & Wine, Candle, Flowers



In memory of
Barbara DeMarzo
From
Family



Thanksgiving Day
9:00am Mass

Parochial Ministry

Rev. Abraham Orapankal, Ph.D.
Rev. Sebastian Kaithackal C.M.I., (In Res.)
Deacon John A. Raychel

Parish Services

Rev. John J. Zec, Ph.D., Music Director
Candida Gonzalez, Coordinator of Religious Ed
Lourdes Hnath, Organist

Parish Staff

Walter Springer, Business Administrator
Norma Izzo, Bookkeeping Assistant
Dawn Aube, Parish/Religious Education Secretary

Trustees

Joan C. Deyak
Robert Butvilla

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Most Catholics think of St. Peter's as the pope's main church, but they are wrong. St. John Lateran is the pope's church, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome where the Bishop of Rome presides.

The first basilica on the site was built in the fourth century when Constantine donated land he had received from the wealthy *Laterani* family. That structure and its successors suffered fire, earthquake and the ravages of war, but the Lateran remained the church where popes were consecrated until the popes returned from Avignon in the 14th century to find the church and the adjoining palace in ruins.

Pope Innocent X commissioned the present structure in 1646. One of Rome's most imposing churches, the Lateran's towering facade is crowned with 15 colossal statues of Christ, John the Baptist, John the Evangelist and 12 doctors of the Church. Beneath its high altar rest the remains of the small wooden table on which tradition holds St. Peter himself celebrated Mass. Hence, St. John Lateran is considered the mother church for all of Catholicism. That explains why the regular Sunday celebration and readings are replaced today with special readings for this Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.

"I wouldn't mind a few more years"

Father Mark Granito illustrates from his personal experience how we are tied down to this world of miseries in spite of our Faith in the Resurrection and everlasting life. "My mother died four years ago this month. I remember we used to celebrate her birthday in May, and I'd always take her out to some nice restaurant. When she turned 80, she said, "Well, I'm 80 now...that's a very big number. There won't be many more years left now." At 81 and 82 she said, "It's a big number! No one in my family has lived this long!" Occasionally, she'd say, "I wish God would take me! I'm fed up! I'm fed up with being sick! I'm ready to go on to Heaven!" And then she said, "I wonder what heaven is like...I hear you float around up there....!" Strangely, just a few weeks before she died, she said, "You know, I'm ready to go, but I wouldn't mind a few more years..." Perhaps most priests have had similar experiences in their pastoral life in ministering to terminally ill patients who are unwilling to die in spite of their strong Faith in a heavenly reward awaiting them, as we heard in the readings last Sunday for All Souls Day remembrance.

We need to live as people of the Resurrection: This means that we are not to lie buried in the tomb of our sins and evil habits. Instead, we are to live joyful and peaceful lives, constantly experiencing the real Presence of the Risen Lord who gives us the assurance that our bodies also will be raised. In addition, the hope of our resurrection and eternal life with God gives us lasting peace and celestial joy amid the boredom and tension of our day-to-day lives. An awareness of the all-pervading presence of the Spirit of the living God [Jn. 11:27; Acts 14:14; Rom. 9:26; 1 Thess. 1:9; 1 Tim. 3:15, 4:10, 6:17; 2 Cor. 3:3, 6:16; Heb. 3:12, 9:12, 10:31, 12:22; Rev. 7:2] will help us to control our thoughts, desires, words and behavior. The salutary thought of our own resurrection and eternal glory should also inspire us to honor our bodies, keeping them holy, pure and free from evil habits, and to respect those with whom we come in contact, rendering them loving and humble service.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



A singing group called "The Resurrection" was scheduled to sing at a Church. When a big snowstorm postponed the performance, the pastor fixed the outside sign to read, "The Resurrection is postponed."



The retired bishop celebrated a special Mass for the Jubilarians of all the religious communities in his diocese. First, he asked those celebrating their 70th and 60th anniversaries to come forward. Then he turned to those celebrating their golden jubilees and said, "I'll get to you kids later "



The Catechist was taking her class from the school building to the church for Mass. "And why is it necessary to be quiet in the church?" Little Janie replied: "Because people are sleeping."



A One-liner Joke: Q: Why was the Math's book sad? A: Because it had too many problems.



Puzzling Questions that make you smile

Why does a doctor refer to his work as his practice?

Why does an airport refer to its building as a terminal?



Why is the one who hears the confession called the confessor?

Why is a financial adviser called a broker?

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

The election is at hand. The USA is divided and tired. Is it possible to love and respect those with different political opinions? Consider how you resolve serious differences of opinion with your spouse. What does it mean to 'love your enemy' when it feels like fellow citizens are the enemy? Learn from your marriage. We must go on living together.

PARENTING TUNE-UP

November, we know, is the month dedicated to the departed souls, and in a special way we remember family members who have died. This need not be a sad or gruesome task but rather a way to celebrate the goodness and lessons learned from relatives who have gone before us. Familiarize your children with their deceased relatives by creating a litany of their names and good qualities.

THE DEAD LIVES ON

The film *Amadeus* ends showing the funeral of the great musician Mozart. He died at the age of 35. A genius, he never re-copied his compositions. He never had to make corrections, so the first draft was also the final copy. A genius, he started playing several instruments at the age of four, wrote several symphonies by the age of eight and created at least 528 musical compositions before he died at age 35. He was a genius, whom one authority calls "one of the brightest stars in the musical firmament." What a waste, that he should have died so young! It makes you wonder: is this life all there is? Imagine a beloved spouse, a darling parent or grandparent, a close friend, lying cold in the coffin. Is this life all there is? We try to comfort ourselves with the doctrine of the resurrection. We say: the genius of people like Mozart is not going to be wasted. The love of dear ones - the squeeze of their hands and the music in their voices - that love will be enjoyed in even greater intensity.

A Sadducee in Jesus' time might say, "I don't believe it; the doctrine is absurd." That was the point the Sadducees wanted to make by challenging Jesus with an absurd story of a woman who married seven husbands, and each of them died after the marriage and she too died. But Jesus told them to focus on the truth that we believe in a God of the living and not of the dead. So we all will be resurrected and alive into eternity (Luke 20: 27-38).



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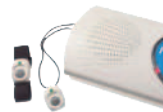
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